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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Operations Division, OSA-DD/R  
SUBJECT : Tape Recorder For OXCART and IDEALIST  
REFERENCE : OXC-3657, dated 9 August 1962, Subject:  
Inflight Navigation Aids for Project OXCART

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1. In accordance with paragraph 4c of reference memorandum, several tape recorders were examined for suitability to fulfill the stated requirement. The type that met or exceeded most of the requirements is one that was developed by [redacted] under a contract from Technical Services Division, DD/P. In response to a memorandum dated 26 September 1962 from Chief, Development Division, OSA, to Chief, Technical Services Division, DD/P, (OSA-1461-62) the second service test model of this equipment was loaned to the Development Division for the purpose of conducting field tests.

2. Flight and ground tests of this equipment have been conducted in both the U-2 and the A-12 aircraft during the past month under test flight conditions. Comments by the users have been uniformly favorable.

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3. At the request of Chief, Operations Division, OSA, the equipment was transferred to the custody of [redacted] for further field tests on 14 November. Discussions with [redacted] and [redacted] established a need for a quantity of four systems to satisfy the needs of the IDEALIST and OXCART programs. Attachment 1 hereto is a bid from [redacted] to supply four such systems including four adapter connections with on/off switches to accommodate the recorder to the flight suit intercom outlet.

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4. Since development of this equipment has already been accomplished by Technical Services Division to a point where a simple adapter will provide the airborne recording capability desired, it is recommended that action be taken by Operations Division, OSA, through normal procurement channels to obtain the quantity desired.

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Attachment:  
As stated

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